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## *Serving Children and Families*

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Supplemental Security Benefit (SSI) Recipient:

The Social Security Administration, in conjunction with the Department of Social Services (DSS), has a project called the South Carolina Combined Application Project (SCCAP). SCCAP is a program where you no longer have to apply at a DSS office in order to receive food stamps. You are eligible for food stamps because you receive SSI. You will receive a set amount of food stamp benefits each month (with annual cost-of-living adjustments) and may receive them as long as you continue to receive SSI and your household living arrangement remains the same.

**You should be eligible for SCCAP:**

- If you currently receive SSI;
- If you live alone, or if you live with other people but are responsible for purchasing and preparing meals for yourself only; and
- If you have no earned income.

**To receive food stamps, you must:**

- 1. Complete the attached application form and**
- 2. Submit it in the enclosed self-addressed envelope provided for you or**
- 3. Mail it to SCCAP, South Carolina Department of Social Services, P.O. Box 1520, Columbia, S.C. 29202-1520.**

**If you receive food stamps through SCCAP and:**

- you have shelter such as rent or mortgage, property taxes, home insurance and utilities such as electricity, gas for heating or cooling, water, sewage, garbage pick-up and expenses that average more than \$426 monthly; and/or
- you have monthly medical out-of-pocket expenses of more than \$35, you may apply at the local DSS office to receive food stamps outside of SCCAP.

Once on SCCAP, you only report required changes to the SSA Office and the SSA Office notifies SCCAP.

A copy of the Food Stamp Program Rights and Responsibilities accompanies this notice.

**If you have any questions concerning food stamps or this notice, please call the SCCAP toll free hotline at 1-800-616-1309.**

**IMPORTANT!**

**You are not required to pay tax on food purchased with food stamps.**

DSS Form 1204 (AUG 07) Edition of APR 06 is obsolete.